

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the present title with the following amended title:

APPARATUS FOR SUPPORTING A PREFORM HAVING A SUPPORTING
CORE~~AN INSTALLATION FOR MANUFACTURING OR BUILDING UP A PREFORM~~
~~AND PROVIDED WITH SUCH APPARATUS, METHODS IMPLEMENTED IN SUCH AN~~
~~INSTALLATION, AND A PREFORM MADE USING SUCH METHODS~~

Please replace the paragraph no. 7 (bridging pages 5 and 6) with the following amended paragraph:

The apparatus of the invention is described in detail with reference to Figure 1. As depicted in Figure 1, the apparatus is designed to be mounted on a prior art installation for manufacturing or building up a preform 1 having a central supporting core 2. In known manner, the installation comprises at least rotation means 3 having a horizontal axis of rotation 4 and on which the supporting core 2 of the preform 1 to be manufactured or built up is mounted, and plasma-torch and material-supply means 5 disposed radially relative to said supporting core 2. In known manner, the installation makes it possible for the plasma-torch and material-supply means 5 to move in axial translation relative to and parallel to the supporting core 2 so as to make the preform 1 around the supporting core 2.